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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PO

SUBJECT: AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LISBON 7027

1. WE APPROVE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REFTTEL, PARA 3 AND  
SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS FOLLOWING TEXT WITH FONMIN  
MEDEIROS FERREIRA: QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I WISH TO  
CONFIRM TO YOU THE INTENTION OF MY GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE  
AT AN EARLY DATE THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE CONTINUED  
USE BY THE UNITED STATES OF THE FACILITIES OF LAJES AIR  
FORCE BASE IN THE AZORES IN THE INTEREST OF MUTUAL SECURITY.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL POSES NO OBSTACLE TO THE  
CONTINUED USE OF THIS BASE IN THE FUTURE ON THE SAME BASIS  
THAT IT HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST. WE ENVISAGE THAT THIS  
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CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OR DIPLOMATIC  
NOTES EXTENDING THE 1951 AGREEMENT.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, IN RECOGNITION OF OUR OVERALL RELA-  
TIONSHIP AND OF PORTUGAL'S CURRENT NEED FOR ECONOMIC AND  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE, I ANTICIPATE THAT THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PORTUGAL WITH ASSIS-

TANCE AT MUTUALLY AGREED LEVELS. SUCH ASSISTANCE IS

CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN  
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXPEDITIOUS  
CONCLUSION OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. UNQUOTE

4. AS WE ENVISAGE THE SCENARIO FOR THE NEW YORK MEETING  
WITH THE SECRETARY, MEDEIROS FERREIRA WOULD TAKE THE  
INITIATIVE IN PRESENTING THIS LETTER IN THE CONTEXT OF  
HIS JUNE ASSURANCES TO THE SECRETARY AND HIS AWARENESS  
OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT. SECRETARY  
COULD RESPOND WITH APPROPRIATE WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND  
AWARENESS OF OUR READINESS TO TALK WHENEVER IT SUITS THE  
PORTUGUESE. A WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE SECRE-  
TARY WOULD BE SENT SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMING OUR UNDER-  
STANDING OF PROGRESS BEING MADE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.  
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